

Amendments to the specification

Please amend the specification by replacement of the paragraph on page 12 line 22 through page 13 line 8 of the application as filed (paragraph 0072 of the application as published) with the following wherein the changes are depicted as underlined for added text.

Referring to Figure 2, launch detector 5, which in various embodiment is an infrared, acoustic, or radio frequency sensor, for example, is used to turn on radar 7. Radar 7 is used by trajectory computer 6 to determine velocity of threat and probable point of impact. Discriminator 8 selects which, if any, sub-systems 9 are to be armed. Upon arming of subsystem 9, for example, break screen elements 13 are each checked for continuity so that premature detonation of detonators 14 does not occur in response to prior small arms fire damage, for example. Referring to Figures 3a through 3c as well, in the case of an inflatable deployment system, arming the system includes inflation of a spacer bag 15 by means of initiator 16. Either all of, some of or one of detonators 14 are initiated in response to breakage of break screen elements 13 for actuation of the associated explosive charges of explosive net 2 according to design optimization, types of threats and the relative desirability of disposing of any remains of inflatable structure 15. The inflatable structure 15 is housed in enclosure 17 and protected by cover 18, by way of example. Fire resistant barrier 19 is employed in certain embodiments and simultaneously deployed in order to minimize ingress of explosive through vehicle openings at doors and windows, for example. CO₂ is further employed in certain embodiments as the inflating gas for the spacer bag further enhancing the fire protection capability of the system.